



## Strategies for Grouping Students

The grid below provides details on the pros and cons of using teams, section links, and loader rules to group students.

All handbooks and job aids supporting these concepts are available online at the Master Schedule website. Go to <http://www.sandi.net/zangle/masterschedule> and click Learn & Download.

	Item	Teams	Section Linking	Loader Rules	Notes
1	Section numbers	Minimal organization necessary.	Minimal organization necessary.	Sections associated with each other must have identical section numbers.	
2	“Durability”	Teams copy from year to year.	Section links are deleted each time you export the loader.	Loader rules copy from year to year.	
3	Entering course requests	Must enter one course request for each section. May need to enter team requests.	Enter one request for the root course only.	Must enter one course request for each section.	
4	“Flexibility”	Can create soft rule teams and hard rule teams depending on if you associate ALL sections of a course with a team or not. Students can have multiple teams but courses can only have one team attached. You can create teams that include or exclude each other.	Must create one section link for each possible pattern in a wheel.	Loader rules are generic and can “work backwards” - i.e. civics to economics OR economics to civics with one rule. Can create before or after rules as well.	